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me too. International Partners With Global Fund for Women to Address Sexual Violence Around the World

This partnership expands both organization's efforts to put an end to sexual & gender-based violence in the global south.

NATIONWIDE -- Thursday, October 21, me too. International and <u>Global Fund for Women</u> are announcing a joint partnership to support local organizations in the global south working in their own communities to eradicate sexual & gender-based violence (SGBV). The announcement comes as part of 'me too.'s <u>fourth anniversary week of celebration</u>, and will be discussed via a panel event featuring leaders of both organizations and international partners, highlighting the unique calls to action within the global movement to disrupt rape culture. Although #MeToo has become a viral phrase, there is a substantial funding gap for feminist organizations doing this work.

While the harm and pervasiveness of sexual violence is global, so too is the resistance. As the 'me too.' movement has grown, many countries have asked to connect with efforts in the U.S. Their requests have sparked the vision of a global community that centers survivor leadership through deep cross-country relationship building and practice sharing.

me too. Global in Context is a public event that will be hosted on Zoom and broadcasted live on Facebook

WHEN: Thursday, October 21 6-7pm EST.

HOW: Register here and watch on me too's Facebook page.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Moderator: Dani Ayers, CEO me too. International
- Tarana Burke, ED and Founder of me too. International
- Latanya Mapp Frett, CEO and President of Global Fund for Women
- Thenmozhi Soundararajan, Equality Labs, Southeast Asia
- Carola Báez Pedrajo Aguilar, Tu Historia Importa, Mexico

"While we know that the harm and pervasiveness of sexual violence is global, we are heartened to see that so too is the resistance. The movement to disrupt rape culture and end sexual violence is happening across borders, fueled by brilliant practitioners committed to survivor justice in their communities and it is grounded in our collective vision of a future free from harm, abundant in joy, and grounded in healing in action", **Dani Ayers, CEO of me too. International.**

"Western feminists have a way of dominating the global discourse so it's important to note that feminists around the globe have been organizing around sexual and gender-based violence. Yet

they are often doing so without the benefit of connection and solidarity, and on a shoestring budget. What wins could be unlocked if organizers could more easily share learnings, resources, and information with each other, and access better resources to sustain this work?" Lori Adelman, Vice President of Influence and Engagement for Global Fund for Women.

If you are interested in interviewing Dani Ayers, or a leader from the Global Fund for Women about this partnership, please reach out to metoo@berlinrosen.com.

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About 'me too.' International

'me too.' International is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the bedrock for the movement that rose to virality in 2017. Specifically, 'me too.' stands firm in its recognition of sexual violence as a movement issue. Within that structure, their mission is to actuate cycles of empowerment through an empathy movement to support survivor healing and to interrupt sexual violence through survivor-led courageous community action. They approach sexual violence as a movement issue that centers: (1) survivor and community healing alongside, and (2) survivor-led community organizing. To learn more about our work, visit https://metoomvmt.org/ or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

About Global Fund for Women

Global Fund for Women envisions a world in which movements for gender justice have transformed power and privilege for a few into equity and equality for all. As a feminist fund, we offer flexible support to a diverse group of partners—more than 5,000 groups across 175 countries so far—to create meaningful change that will last beyond our lifetimes. To learn more about our work, visit www.globalfundforwomen.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.